

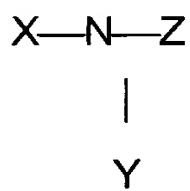
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A method for ameliorating redness or inflammation of mammalian skin, comprising the step of topically applying a composition to [red or inflamed mammalian skin] sun burned skin, wind burned skin, or skin that is red or inflamed due to (i) contact with irritating soaps or cleansers; (ii) acne lesions, or (iii) allergic skin reactions said composition comprising:

- (a) from about 1.0 to about 10% by weight, based on the total composition, of a redness or inflammation reducing agent selected from an alkanolamine, tyrosine, or a mixture thereof; and
- (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

wherein said alkanolamine has the following general formula:



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group.

Claim 2 (original). A method according to claim 1, wherein said alkanolamine is selected from the group consisting of ethylaminoethanol, methylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanol-amine, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanol-amine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine.

Claim 3 (original). A method according to claim 2, wherein said alkanolamine is dimethylamino-ethanol.

Claim 4 (previously canceled). A method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one compound is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 5 (currently amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a mixture of from about 1 to about 5% by weight of alkanolamine and from about 1 to about 5% by weight of tyrosine.

Claim 6 (original). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises a skin irritating ingredient.

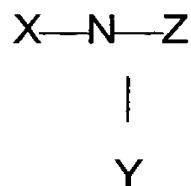
Claim 7 (previously canceled). A method according to claim 1, wherein the irritating ingredient is selected from a retinoid, benzoyl peroxide, alpha - hydroxyacids and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid, surfactants, soaps, natural plant extracts, sunscreen actives, urea, preservatives.

Claim 8 (previously canceled). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is applied to red or inflamed skin.

Claim 9 (currently canceled). A method according to claim 8, wherein said composition is applied to sun burned skin, wind burned skin, or skin that is red or inflamed due to contact with irritating soaps or cleansers.

Claim 10 (currently canceled). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is applied to skin that is red or inflamed due to acne lesions, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, or allergic skin reactions.

Claim 11 (previously amended). A method for ameliorating the irritating effects of a skin irritating composition comprising adding to said composition an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of an alkanolamine,  $\div$  tyrosine,  $\div$  or a mixture thereof; wherein said alkanolamine has the following general formula:



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group.

Claim 12 (original). A method according to claim 11, wherein said alkanolamine is selected from the group consisting of ethylaminoethanol, methylaminoethanol, dimethylaminoethanol-amine, isopropanolamine, triethanolamine, isopropanoldimethylamine, ethylethanol-amine, 2-butanolamine, choline and serine.

Claim 13 (original). A method according to claim 12, wherein said alkanolamine is dimethylamino-ethanol.

Claim 14 (original). A method according to claim 11, wherein said at least one compound is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 15 (original). A method according to claim 11, wherein said composition comprises a mixture of from about 1 to about 5% by weight of alkanolamine and from about 1 to about 5% by weight of tyrosine.

Claim 16 (previously canceled). A method according to claim 11, wherein the skin irritating composition comprises an irritant selected from a retinoid, benzoyl peroxide, alpha-hydroxyacids and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid, surfactants, soaps, natural plant extracts, sunscreen actives, urea, and preservatives.